

**Application No.: 10/698,370**

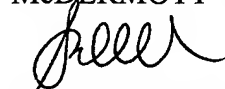
**REMARKS**

Applicants note with appreciation allowance of claims 1-15. By this amendment, rejected claims 16-21 have been cancelled. Entry of the amendment, and issuance of an allowance in due course, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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